

## The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building September 9, 2002 with the following members present: Bob Newsome, Chairman; Alvan Johnson, Vice Chairman; Russ Frey, Member; and Cindy Kabriel sitting in for Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

### **8:30 Public Comment**

Hjerda McAllister, Administrative Assistant, attended.

Frey moved to approve the Special Meeting minutes of September 4, 2002 as amended. Johnson seconded. Carried 3 - 0.

Johnson moved to approve the minutes of September 5, 2002 as amended. Frey seconded. Carried 3 - 0.

### **9:00 Business Meeting**

Mike Kearns; Alyson Raletz, Manhattan Mercury; and Pat Collins, Director of Emergency Management, attended.

Frey moved to approve Resolution No. 090902 - 97 moving the Budget and Finance Officer position from the department of Riley County Counselor/Administrative Services to the office of the Riley County Clerk. Johnson seconded. Carried 3 - 0.

Johnson moved to sign a Voice Response System Access Authorization form for Mary Bigsby, Riley County Treasurer's Office. Frey seconded. Carried 3 - 0.

Frey moved to approve a Proclamation for Patriot Day, 2002 by the President of the United States of America. Johnson seconded. Carried 3 -0.

The Board of County Commissioners signed Purchase Authorization Forms for a 1,550 gallon poly tank from Country Hills Energy Service, LLC in the amount of \$7,287.00 and a 3,000 gallon stainless steel milk tank from Columbus Fire Department in the amount of \$2,500.00 to be paid from the Rural Fire District Budget.

Johnson moved to approve the Request for Reimbursement for Project Impact in the amount of \$8,079.30. Frey seconded. Carried 3 -0.

The Board of County Commissioners signed Riley County Personnel Action Forms for the following:

- AJ Berry, a Seasonal Laborer, in the Public Works Department, for Separation from County Service, effective August 30, 2002.
- Adam Bestwick, a new hire, as a Custodial Worker, in the Public Works/Custodial Department, at a grade 4 step 1, at \$8.77 per hour.

### **9:30 Press Conference**

Mike Kearns; Johnette Mueller, Budget and Finance Officer; Alan Ladd, County Extension Director; Bill Kennedy, County Attorney; Alyson Raletz, Manhattan Mercury; Erin Jechke, KMAN; and Dan Hardin, Director of Public Works/County Engineer, attended.

Hardin said during the first week in September the Kansas Department of Transportation began the process of gathering the data that will assist Riley County and the agency in fine tuning the right-of-way need to be incorporated in the K-18 corridor preservation plan project.

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Hardensaidpleasejointhecoalitionofmorethan40national organizationsasweattempttomimizeandperhapseeliminatefatalitieson October10<sup>th</sup>,ifwecandoitonthatday,maybewecandoitanotherdayand anotherday.Itsa paindeawecanalllivewith.

HardensaidlateinJulyofthisyear,WasteManagement,Inc.beganusing theRileyCountytransferstationagain.Theaveragecommunitytransferstation usageforAugust2000andAugust2001was2,650tons.TheAugust2002 usagewas4,061tons.Thisrepresentsanincreaseof1,411tonsoverthe previousAugustaverage.Thisrepresentsanadditional\$6,000.00amonth revenuetothebondandinterestaccounttopayoffthetransferstationdebt. Wastevolumeswilldecreaseduring thefallandwintersotheaveragemonthly revenueincreasemaybemoreinthe\$4,500.00range.Thisrepresentsan annualincreaseinbondandinterestrevenueofabout\$54,000.00.Thead valorempropertytaxwillnotneedtoproducethisrevenue now.Waste

Management, Inc.'s return to the transfer station amount to a 0.19 mil decrease in demand on ad valorem tax revenues.

Ladd said the theme of the Kansas State Fair is "Party on the Prairie 2002."

Ladd reported the following about the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson:

- Kansas State fair website is [www.kansasstatefair.com](http://www.kansasstatefair.com)
- Entries from Riley County included foods, clothing, home environment, wood working, aerospace, electricity, art and crafts, horticulture, photography, and livestock.
- Judging of entries has begun and results are posted to [www.oznet.ksu.edu/ksfair](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/ksfair) website.
- Horticulture, photography, and livestock judging teams participated on September 8, 2002.
- The senior horticulture judging team won 7<sup>th</sup> place overall.
- Susie Parks from the Zeandale 4-H Club placed 16<sup>th</sup> out of 90 participants in horticulture judging.
- Interesting projects from display:
  - snake skin wildlife display
  - birthday party food gift basket
  - birdhouse wood working
  - dog facts electrical project
  - ceramic fountain in arts and crafts
- Upcoming events:
  - dairy judging
  - rabbits
  - life skills judging
  - quiz bowl for life skills
  - dog show
  - fashion revue

- demonstrations

Mueller announced the 2003 Budget Hearing will be held Thursday, September 12, 2002 at 5:30 p.m. in the Riley County Commission Chambers, 115 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mueller said detailed budget information will be available at the budget hearing and can also be picked up in the Clerk's Office or found on the Riley County website.

Mueller said Riley County maintained the 34.628 mill levy rate.

Kennedy said Riley County Attorney's Office received the following grants for the year 2003:

Grant	Year	Value	Value of increase over 2002
Domestic Violence	2003	\$31,759.00	\$2,355.00
Teen Court	2003	\$31,584.00	\$4,300.00
		Match \$10,528.00	
		Total \$44,112.00	
Truancy Monitor (from SRS)	2003	\$44,647.00	\$5,000.00
Firewall (Byrne Grant)	2003	\$14,054.25	N/A
		Match \$4,684.75	
		Total \$18,739.00	

Kennedy said SRS is researching the possibility of making the Attorney's Office a pilot program for the state.

Johnson read a Proclamation declaring September 11<sup>th</sup> as Patriot Day, 2002 by the President of the United States of America.

**10:00 Rich Vargo, County Clerk**

Johnette Mueller, Budget and Finance Officer; Mike Kearns; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

Vargo reviewed the year -to-date budget and expenditure reports.

Mueller discussed the ½ cent sales tax for roads and jobs.

**10:40 Dan Harden, Director of Public Works/County Engineer**

Rod Meredith, Assistant Director of Public Works/Parks Director; Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Mueller, Budget and Finance Officer; Hjerda McAllister, Administrative Assistant; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

Harden discussed the Boller Road bridge project.

Morgan said statutes pertaining to bridge structures on county lines state bridges on or near county lines.

Harden stated the Boller Road bridge is 8 tenths of a mile from the Riley County line.

Discussion followed.

Johnson moved not to share the cost of the local match with Geary County for the cost of replacing the Boller bridge. The commissioners asked staff to review the minutes to make sure no prior agreement on the Boller Road bridge exist. The commissioners asked staff to contact Geary County Commission and notify them of Riley County Commissioners' decision. Frey seconded. Carried 3 - 0.

Harden discussed the Law Enforcement Center (LEC) generator maintenance contract.

Frey moved to sign the maintenance contract with Martin Engine Systems for the Law Enforcement Center (LEC) generator. Johnson seconded. Carried 3 - 0.

McAllister said Carrie Ohm with Downtown Manhattan asked the Board of County Commissioners to present the Roads and Jobs Educational Program tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. at the Manhattan Town Center Mall conference room.

Johnson moved to approve the Riley County Historical Museum request to be closed September 17, 2002 – September 20, 2002 for gallery reorganization.

Frey seconded. Carried 3 -0.

**11:04** Recessed until County Officials luncheon at 12:00 (noon).

**11:30** C. Collins' update on Gallery Renovation was cancelled.

**1:15 Mike Holtman – Sink, Gillmore, and Gordon, LLP**

Mike Kearns; Johnette Mueller, Budget and Finance Officer; and Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services, attended.

Holtman presented the legal request letter and client representation letter.

Frey moved to sign the "Legal Request Letter" for Sink, Gillmore, and Gordon, LLP. Johnson seconded. Carried 3 -0.

Frey moved to sign the "Client Representation Letter" for Sink, Gillmore, and Gordon, LLP. Johnson seconded. Carried 3 -0.

**1:30 Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services**

- **Administrative Work Session**

Mike Kearns, attended.

Morgan discussed Public Officials Liability Insurance Policy changes.

Johnson moved to approve the renewal policy for the Riley County Public Officials Liability for the policy term June 20, 2002 to June 20, 2003. Frey seconded. Carried 3 -0.

Morgan discussed Riley County Workers Compensation Policy.

Morgan discussed the Area Agency on Aging's request to use a shared copier.

Morgan discussed a resolution passed in November 2000 for the Manhattan Urban Area Subdivision Regulations.



Frey moved to approve a Notice, "Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Riley County, Kansas, will conduct a public hearing starting at 1:15 p.m. on September 26, 2002 in the County Commission meeting room on the first floor of Courthouse Plaza East, 115 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, to consider adoption of the following resolution", A Resolution adopting new subdivision regulations for Riley County, Kansas by incorporating by reference that publication entitled "Manhattan Urban Area Subdivision Regulations" which regulations were developed by the Manhattan Urban Area Planning Board and will govern the subdivision of that portion of unincorporated Riley County that is located within the Manhattan Urban Area, as shown on attached exhibit "A," pursuant to K.S.A. 12-749, et seq and K.S.A 12-3301 et seq. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

**1:50 Johnette Mueller, Budget and Finance Officer**

Mike Kearns; and Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services, attended.

Mueller discussed changes the commissioners would like to make to the 2003 Riley County Budget booklet.

Mueller said she will work on the 2003 Riley County Budget booklet and present recommended changes.

**1:54** Johnson moved to adjourn. Frey seconded. Carried 3-0.